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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Robert LOHR and Laurent VERDIER

Serial no. :

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For : PERMANENT CONTROL DEVICE FOR THE GROUNDING OF AN ELECTRIC PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE RUNNING ON TYRES

AND WHICH IS SELF-GUIDED

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Examiner

Docket : METPAT P76AUS

The Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent & Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please add new paragraphs 002, 003, 005, 010, 021 and 030 and amend paragraph 001 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 14-26 as follows.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 6 and 7 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests deferment of formal entry of such drawing amendments until such time as the Examiner approves the requested drawing amendment(s).